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INFO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM  
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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 4888

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR MOPS ET SO  
SUBJECT: WESTERN JOURNALISTS SUDDENLY WELCOME IN ADDIS

1. OVER PAST FEW DAYS, SEVERAL WESTERN JOURNALISTS HAVE  
BEGUN SHOWING UP IN ADDIS ABABA, THE FIRST SUCH SINCE EPMG  
STAGED ELABORATE PROGRAM FOR NEWSMEN AT TIME OF MILITIA  
PARADE IN LATE JUNE. SOME HAD WAITED FOR WEEKS FOR THEIR  
VISAS AND RECEIVED LATTER AFTER INDICATING DESIRE TO "DOCU-  
MENT SOMALIA'S AGGRESSION AGAINST ETHIOPIA" AS PURPOSE OF  
TRIP.

2. WASHINGTON POST STRINGER ROGER MANN AND NY TIMES NAIROBI  
CORRESPONDENT MIKE KAUFMAN HAVE INDICATED TO MININFO DESIRE  
TO TRAVEL TO DIRE DAWA FOR FIRST HAND REPORTS ON WAR AND  
INVESTIGATION OF ETHIOPIAN CHARGES THAT SOMALI REGULAR  
FORCES PARTICIPATING IN OGADEN FIGHTING. ALTHOUGH  
MININFO HAS TOLD MANN HE CANNOT GO, IT HAS NOT RE-  
JECTED SUGGESTION IN KAUFMAN'S CASE AND HAS BEEN  
OTHERWISE COOPERATIVE IN FACILITATING MEETINGS FOR  
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BOTH HERE IN TOWN. CBS CAMERAMAN RANDY DANIELS IS  
ALSO EXPECTED SHORTLY, AND LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES  
MAN IS ALSO HERE.

3. IDEA OF GRAPHIC ACCOUNTS IN WESTERN PRESS OF  
WRECKED MIG'S OR CAPTURED SOMALI SOLDIERS MUST BE  
APPEALING TO EPMG, BUT IS PROBABLY OFFSET BY WORRY

OVER PROSPECTIVE TESTIMONY TO EXTENT OF SOMALI  
MILITARY SUCCESS AND SECURITY OF NEWSMEN IN WAR  
ZONES. SYMPATHY OF NEWSMEN EMBASSY HAS TALKED WITH  
LIES CLEARLY ON ETHIOPIAN SIDE. WHETHER OR NOT  
JOURNALIST TRIP TO OGADEN MATERIALIZES, SUDDEN  
EPMG RECEPTIVITY TO WESTERN PRESS REPRESENTATIVES  
FITS INTO CURRENT EPMG PATTERN OF RESTRAINING ITS  
OWN MEDIA ATTACKS AGAINST US AND OTHERS BY NAME,  
STRESSING PATRIOTISM OVER MARXISM, AND PUSHING ITS  
ALREADY GOOD CASE ON DIPLOMATIC AND PUBLIC OPINION  
FRONTS THAT SOMALIA, NOT ETHIOPIA, IS OFFENDING  
PARTY IN CURRENT DISPUTE.  
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